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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/993,097	KUTARAGI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Tammara R Peyton	2182	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/15/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-10, 12-14 and 16-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-10, 12-14, 16-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-14, and 16-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Kang*, (US 6,577,337).

As per claims 1, 13, 18, and 23, *Kang* teaches an electronic apparatus, comprising:

- a main body (200, Fig. 4);
- a circuit in the main body functioning as a hub (200, Figs. 5, 6);

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- at least one first connector (Figs.5-8) in the main body and portion electrically connected to the circuit; and
- an electronic device (500, 600, 700, or 701, Figs. 4-6) having a second connector portion, the second connector portion being directly engaged with at least one first connector portion to directly attach the electronic device to the main body,
- wherein a computer (100, Fig.5) is connectable to the electronic apparatus through the circuit so that information from the computer is supplied to the electronic device and/or information from the electronic device is supplied to the computer. (Abstract, col. 3, lines 1- col. 6, lines 1-35)

As per claims 2 and 3, *Kang* inherently teaches wherein power is supplied from the circuit to the electronic device via the circuit.

As per claim 4, *Kang* teaches wherein the electronic device is a camera.

As per claim 6, 9, 10, and 16, *Kang* allows the user to connected different peripherals differently to the display device inherently the user connects the peripherals in a desirable position.

As per claim 7, 8, and 14, *Kang* teaches wherein the electronic apparatus is a display apparatus.

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As per claims 12, 17, and 19, *Kang* teaches wherein the circuit, the at least one first connector portion and the second connector portion are formed on the basis of the USB specification.

As per claim 20, *Kang* teaches wherein the electronic device is a speaker – inherently speakers come in pairs and are of the same type. *Kang* allows the user to arrange the electronic devices in any position desirable to the user. Inherently, speakers are positioned on the left and right side of a display apparatus.

As per claim 21, *Kang* teaches wherein the at least one first connector portion is located on an upper part of the main body (See Fig. 4) so that the electronic device is positioned on an upper part of the electronic apparatus.

As per claim 22, *Kang* teaches wherein the electronic device is a camera, and the camera is in a mounted position determined by a fixed position of the at least one first connector portion when the second connector portion is engaged to the at least one first connector portion. (Fig. 4)

As per claim 24, *Kang* teaches wherein said electronic apparatus is a display apparatus, and the electronic device is a camera.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (703) 306-5508. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin, can be reached on (703) 308-3301. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3718. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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